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MADRID - THE UNITED STATES WILL ASK FOR THE EXTRADITION OF CONVICTED GUNRUNNER JOSEPH GREGORY KORKALA FOLLOWING HIS ARREST AT A SECURITY EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION IN MADRID.

AN U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN THE SPANISH CAPITAL SAID FRIDAY THAT THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE 41-YEAR-OLD ARMS DEALER TO BE EXTRADITED WOULD BE MADE. UNDER SPANISH LAW; THE UNITED STATES HAS 45 DAYS TO PRESENT ITS CASE; WHICH WILL THEN BE REFERRED TO THE CABINET.

KORKALA WAS ARRESTED AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE EXHIBITION HALL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MADRID WHERE AN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT IS BEING HELD. POLICE WOULD GIVE NO DETAILS FRIDAY OF THE ARREST EXCEPT TO SAY THAT KORKALA OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AND HAD COMMITTED NO OFFENSE IN STAYING. HE WAS DETAINED BECAUSE A WARRANT WAS OUT FOR HIS ARREST THROUGH INTERPOL.

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT SPANISH POLICE ARRESTED KORKALA AFTER THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN NEW YORK RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT HE WAS IN MADRID.

A FUGITIVE WARRANT FOR KORKALA'S ARREST WAS ISSUED IN NEW YORK IN NOVEMBER FOLLOWING HIS CONVICTION AND SENTENCING; IN HIS ABSENCE; TO A MINIMUM OF 17 YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS YEARS IN JAIL FOR ILLEGAL ARMS DEALING. HE WAS CONVICTED WITH FORMER CIA AGENT FRANK TERPIL OF ATTEMPTING TO SELL 10,000 MACHINE GUNS TO SUPPOSED LATIN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARIES.

THE ALLEGED SOUTH AMERICANS WERE UNDERCOVER POLICE AGENTS.

TERPIL AND FELLOW EX-CIA MAN EDWIN WILSON ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE DRAWN ON THEIR EXPERIENCES AND CONTACTS GAINED WHILE WORKING FOR THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO SUPPLY MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND KNOW-HOW TO COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY; THE LIBYAN LEADER. THE EQUIPMENT; SAID U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES; WAS THEN PASSED TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE IRA; ITALIAN RED BRIGADES AND THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG IN GERMANY.

IN NEW YORK; KORKALA HAS BEEN INDICATED ON ONE COUNT OF VIOLATING THE NEUTRALITY ACT BY SUPPLYING ARMS TO UGANDA; OTHER COUNTS OF ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFICKING AND ONE COUNT OF CONSPIRING TO ILLEGALLY OBTAIN U.S. PASSPORTS FOR ALIENS.

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NEW YORK; FEB 25; REUTER -- INTERNATIONAL ARMS DEALER GEORGE KORKALA; ONE OF THE MOST WANTED MEN IN THE UNITED STATES; WAS ARRESTED TODAY IN MADRID; THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAID.

KORKALA; 41; FLED THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR WITH HIS PARTNER; EX-CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AGENT FRANK TERPIL; TO AVOID TRIAL ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTING TO SELL 10;000 MACHINE GUNS TO UNDERCOVER AGENTS POSING AS LATIN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARIES.

SINCE THEN THE TWO MEN HAVE BEEN EXPOSED AS SELLERS OF ARMS TO LIBYA AND UGANDA WHEN IT WAS RULED BY PRESIDENT IDI AMIN.ŧ

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